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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to Japan 11-202572, which is listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of Japan 11-202572, along with an English-language abstract, is enclosed. The English-language abstract is believed to provide the concise explanation of relevance for the Japanese reference.

Inasmuch as a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement, and therefore this application has not yet received a first Office Action since the filing of an RCE, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the

materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California, office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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